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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/748,965	Applicant(s) ZHANG, CHI	
	Examiner Rip A. Lee	Art Unit 1713	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 March 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 26-29, 31, 32, and 38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 26-29 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 31, 32, and 38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This office action follows a response filed on March 28, 2007. Claims 26, 31, and 32 were amended. New claim 38 was added. Claims 26-29, 31, 32, and 38 are pending.

Claim Objections

1. Claim 31 is objected to because of the following informalities: Please insert "the group consisting of" after "selected from" so that the claim contains proper Markush construction. Appropriate correction is required.
2. Claim 31 is objected to because of the following informalities: It is not clear to what the antecedent "any two or more thereof" refers. It appears to describe a combination of C₁ carboxylic acid and a "up to about C₆" (← ?) carboxylic acid, however, it could refer to a combination of branched and linear carboxylic acids. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 / 35 USC § 103

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
4. Claims 31, 32, and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mager *et al.* (WO 98/25274; equivalent U.S. 6,201,051 relied upon for translation).
Mager *et al.* teaches use of organic acid such as formic acid as cosolvent for aqueous PEDOT/PSS solutions (col. 6, line 10 and 66).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claims 26-29 are allowed over all references cited to date. The closest references are Lessner *et al.* (U.S. 6,001,281) and Ibar (U.S. 6,586,041); see previous office action for description of subject matter therein. None of the references teaches the subject matter of claims 26-29.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to the rejection of claims over Ibar (U.S. 6,586,041) have been fully considered and are persuasive. As indicated by Applicant, Et₃N is used as a crosslinking agent for the polyurethaene component in the composition described by Ibar. As such, it is consumed in a chemical reaction, and would not serve the purpose delineated in process claims 26-29. As such, the rejection has been withdrawn.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rip A. Lee whose telephone number is (571)272-1104. The examiner can be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu, can be reached at (571)272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

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